Army in Europe Publishing System (AEPUBS)

Account Management Area Users Guide

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1 Introduction

- 1. General Description. AEPUBS is an automated, web-based publications system that includes all aspects of electronic and hardcopy publishing, including indexing; electronic distribution; and ordering, stocking and inventory of hardcopy publications and forms, as well as maintaining and controlling publications accounts. In addition, AEPUBS provides and automated tracking for all publications in editing and provides the Chief, Publishing and Records Management Division a variety of reports concerning the status of jobs in editing. The AEPUBS also provides a copier management module that implemented the centralization of copier management and a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) module. AEPUBS has improved both the effectiveness and efficiency of the Army in Europe publishing and records management systems.
- 2. **System Characteristics**. Each module of AEPUBS allows different levels of access. For example, account holders may see only their own accountThe Army in Europe publications control officer and the USAPDCE Customer Service Desk have access to records and transactions of the 1,500 accounts within the entire command.
- 3. Publishing, Distribution, Ordering, and Inventory System. The primary AEPUBS application combines the ordering, stockroom inventory, and Army in Europe publishing index and integrates the Army Publications Automated Index Locator System (PAILS) data, which the U.S. Army Publishing Directorate provides on a monthly basis. AEPUBS integrates a number of functions into a "one-stop" ordering system that includes stocking and re-supply of stocked items and provides users on-line access to all Army and Army in Europe electronic publications and blank forms. AEPUBS also provides publications clerks a management tool to track the status of orders and to know who required the request items. The editing log in the management module tracks the publishing process from draft submission to publishing of the final draft of all Army in Europe Forms and Publications. This system is the only means of distributing Army in Europe policy. The publishing system tracks policy from inception through editing, approval, distribution, to rescission.

The Internet address for AEPUBS is https://aepubs.army.mil.

2 Browser Settings

The public area is accessible via MS Internet Explorer 4.0 and above or Netscape 6.0 and above. The restricted area will allow only MS Internet Explorer to be used.

This site was designed for a screen resolution of at least 800x600 with the browser window maximized, if your resolution is less or you do not maximize the window, objects may not display as intended.

Recommend that you change the Temporary Internet Files option to "Every Visit to the Page" because most pages are dynamic. Otherwise when returning to an updated page the browser will not request a new page from the server and will show the old page from the local cache. Changes will not be seen unless you manually refresh the page.

This option can be accessed from Tools/Internet Options/General Tab/ Temporary Internet Files/Settings.

3 Menu Options

Anyone may access the Public Area and all information is view only. (With the exception of the PSN options). From the public area you can look up Publications and Forms, download electronic versions

The Public Area Menu Options are:

Menu Options	Descriptions
Opening Page	Returns you to the Welcome Page
Login	Opens the Account Management Area Login Page
Forms	Opens the Forms Search Page
Publications	Opens the Publications Search Page
Text Search	Provides a Full Text Search into the body of all Administrative
	Publications
PSN	Opens the Personal Subscription Notification Maintenance page
Electronic Dist.	Displays a list of Publications that have been previously sent to
	selected accounts and PSN subscribers.
Misc. Tables	Provides access to system support tables
Site Info	Opens a chronological list changes that have been made to the site.
FAQ	Opens a searchable Frequently Asked Questions Page
Help	Provides Online system help and tips
Links	Links to other Publications related sites
Personnel	Displays Publications Personnel Contact information
Warning	Opens the DOD computer use warning page

Table 1

NOTE: The options on the Public and the Account Management Menus look very similar. In order to order items or manage your account you must login to the system first. The Public Area Menu Options are described in the AEPUBS Public Area Users Guide.

The Account Management Area Menu Options are:

Menu Options	Descriptions
Opening Page	Returns you to the Welcome Page
Forms	Opens the Forms Search Page
Publications	Opens the Publications Search Page
Text Search	Provides a Full Text Search into the body of all Administrative Publications
Account Maint	Opens the Personal Subscription Notification Maintenance page
Electronic Dist.	Displays a list of Publications that have been previously sent to
	selected accounts and PSN subscribers.
Misc. Tables	Provides access to system support tables
User Settings	Opens a chronological list changes that have been made to the site.
FAQ	Opens a searchable Frequently Asked Questions Page
Help	Online system help and tips
Links	Links to other Publications related sites
Changes	Opens a chronological list changes that have been made to the site.
PCO Admin	Opens Publications Control Officer Administration Page (restricted
	access)
Sys Admin	Opens System Administration Page (restricted access)
LogOff	Closes your current session and logs you off the system

Table 2

3.1 Login

The Login option opens the Account Management Area Login Page. This area is reserved for Unit Publication Clerks, Publication Control Officers and Inventory/Accounts Management Personnel.

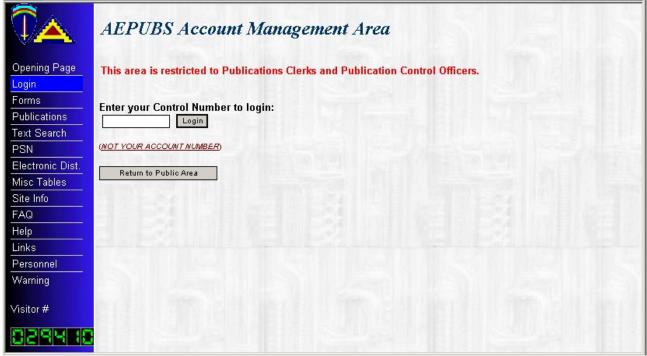


Figure 1

3.2 Opening Page

The Opening Page returns you to the Welcome Page and displays the currently logged in users information and USAPDCE Contact Information.

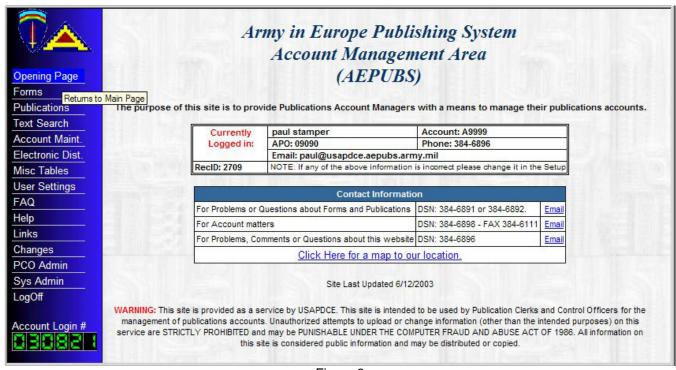


Figure 2

3.3 Forms Search and Ordering

The Forms option opens the Forms Lookup Page (Figure 3)

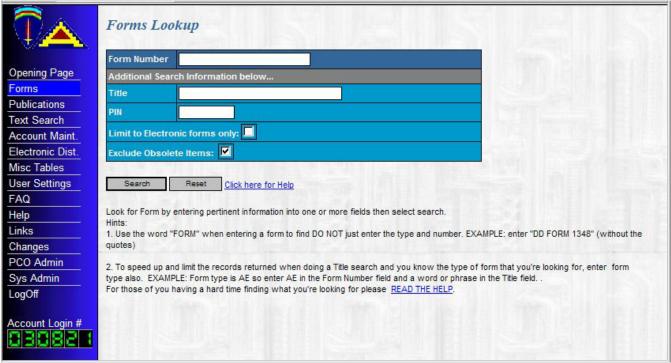


Figure 3

You may enter information into one or more fields to find the form you're looking for.

To find a specific form enter the form number and click on the Search button.

To find a form where you don't know the exact form number enter a word or phrase in the form Title.

If you know the form type such as SF, DD or DA etc. (see the on-line help page for more form types) enter the beginning of the form number in the Form number field and a word or phrase in the title field.

Forms Search and Ordering (cont.)

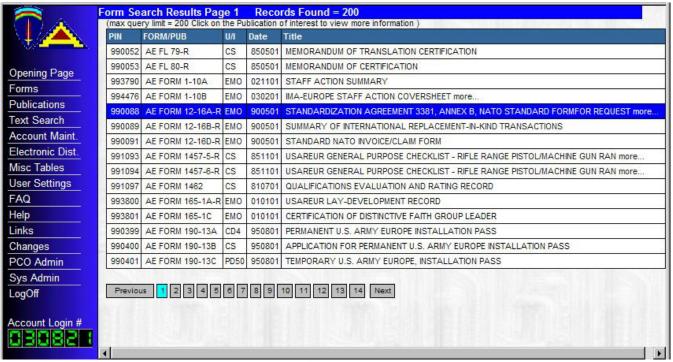


Figure 4

A search has 3 possible results -

- No records found
- 2. One record found in which case the Form Display page (Figure 5) will be returned
- 3. More than one record was found and list of matching records will be displayed (Figure 4). If the list is displayed click on the form desired to open the Form Display page.

The total number of records that matched your query will be displayed at the top of the page. However no more than 200 records will be returned in the list. If more than one page of publications is returned, you will see numbered buttons representing the pages at the bottom of page.

Forms Search and Ordering (cont.)



Figure 5

Form Display Page Options

Options	Descriptions
Submit Order	Submits a single order using the quantity entered in the Qty field (and the Sub-Account if one was entered)
Expand Order	Opens an additional window allowing you to order the same item for more than one sub-account at the same time
Add to Forms Maintenance	Adds the current item to your Forms Maintenance list and marks the item to be ordered
See Footnotes	Indicates that the current item has associated footnotes
Add to Library	Adds the item to you account library, items in the library are updated each month and will show if it has been replaced or otherwise changed (see Library Maintenance for more information on this option)

Table 3

Notes:

The Unit of Issue, Proponent and Directive are hyperlinks. Click on them to see more information.

If the form is not stocked at USAPDCE or your account is not authorized to order it, the appropriate message will scroll across the screen with a phone number to call for more information.

Also when ordering controlled serial numbered items, you should disregard the unit of issue and order the exact number of items required.

3.4 Publications Search and Ordering

The Publication option opens the Publications Lookup Page (Figure 6)

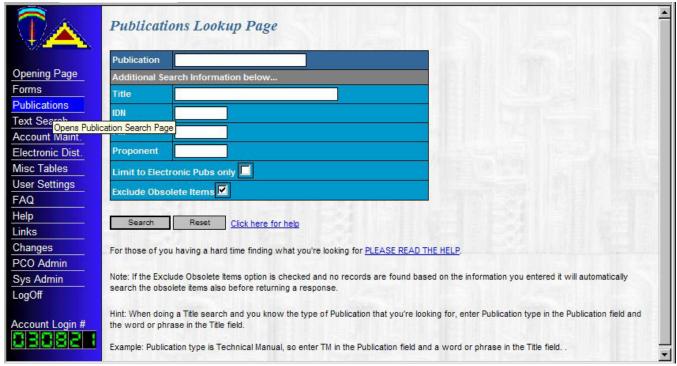


Figure 6

To find a Publication, enter information into one or more fields and click on Search.

To find a specific Publication enter the publication number and click on Search.

If you don't know the exact Publication number, enter a word or phrase in the Title field.

If you know the Publication type such as TM, AR or PAM etc. (see the on-line help page for more types) enter the beginning of the Publication in the Publication number field and a word or phrase in the title field then click on Search.

Publication Search and Ordering (cont.)

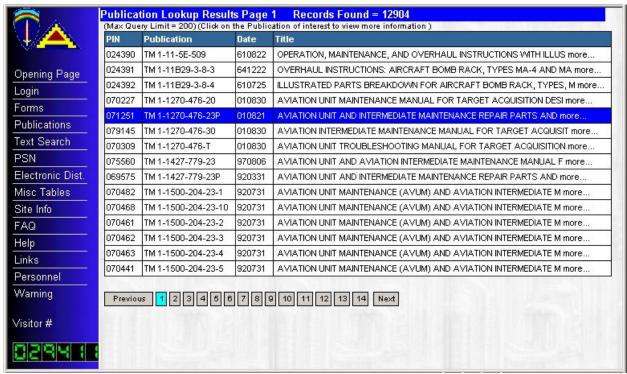


Figure 7

A search has 3 possible results -

- 1. No records found
- 2. 1 record found in which case the Publication Display page (Figure 8) will be returned
- 3. More than 1 record was found and list of matching records will be displayed (Figure 7). If the list is displayed click on the Publication desired to open the Publication Display page.

The total number of records that matched your query will be displayed at the top of the page. However no more than 200 records will be returned in the list. If more than one page of publications is returned you will see numbered buttons representing the pages at the bottom of page.

Publication Search and Ordering (cont.)

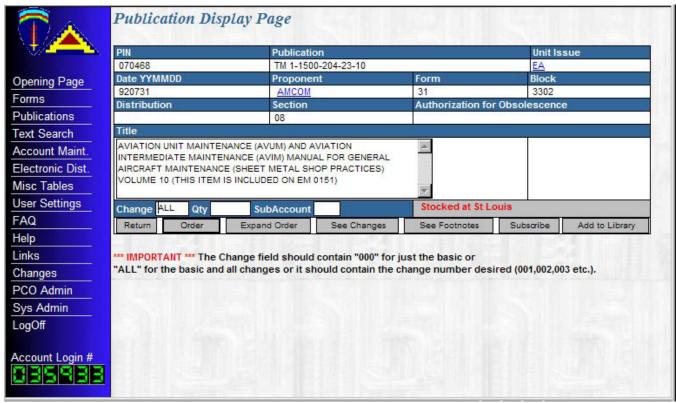


Figure 8

Publication Display Page Options

Options	Descriptions
Order	Submits a single order using the quantity entered in the Qty field (and the Sub-Account and Change fields if used)
Expand Order	Opens an additional window allowing you to order the same item for more than one sub-account at the same time
See Changes	This option will be displayed when ever the current item has associated changes published and their dates
See Footnotes	Indicates that the current item has associated footnotes
Subscribe	Opens the subscription maintenance window. If you already have a subscription it can be edited from here or if no current subscription exists you can add a new one. Note subscriptions are recorded using the Form/Block numbers combined to create the IDN, other publications may have the same IDN if this is the case you have subscribed to the other publications as well.
Add to Library	Adds the item to you account library, items in the library are updated each month and will show if it has been replaced or otherwise changed (see Library Maintenance for more information on this option)

Table 4

Note: The Unit of Issue and Proponent are hyperlinks. Click on them to see more information. For some items the Order and Subscribe buttons may not be available, in this case a scrolling message will be displayed giving the reason why and a phone number to call for more information.

3.5 Text Search

The Text Search option Provides a Full Text Search into the actual text of all Administrative Publications contained on the AEPUBS site (approx. 2,000 publications).

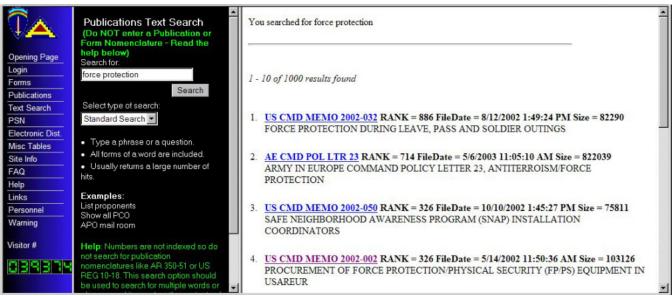


Figure 9

You can search for a word, phrase or collections of words; additionally you can vary the type of search to help narrow the results. When a match is found a list of one or more hyperlinks will be displayed in the right frame. Click on the publication you wish to view to open it. Right click and select "Save as..." to download it.

Note: Numbers are not indexed so do not search for publication nomenclatures like AR 350-51 or US REG 10-18. This search option should be used to search for multiple words or phrases and it searches the contents of documents not just the title of a documents. If you already know the nomenclature or a key word in the title of the publication you should use the normal publication search page.

3.6 Account Maintenance

The Account Maintenance area provides options to: check order status, account/user information and Subscription management.

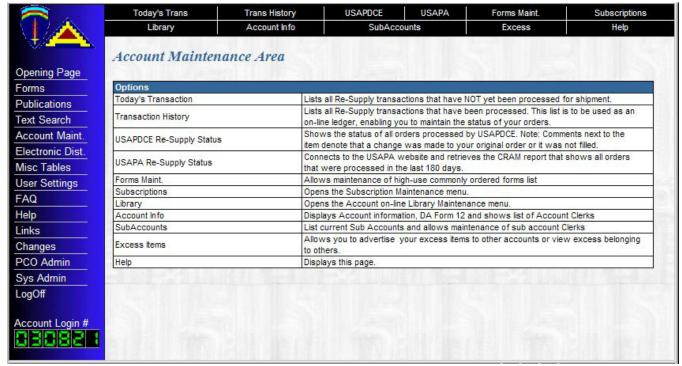


Figure 10

Options	Options		
Today's Transactions	Lists all Re-Supply transactions that have NOT yet been processed for shipment.		
Transaction History	Lists all Re-Supply transactions that have been processed. This list is to be used as an on-line ledger, enabling you to maintain the status of your orders.		
USAPDCE Re-Supply Status	Shows the status of all orders processed by USAPDCE. Note: Comments next to the item denote that a change was made to your original order or it was not filled.		
USAPA Re-Supply Status	Connects to the USAPA website and retrieves the CRAM report that shows all orders that were processed in the last 180 days.		
Forms Maintenance.	Allows maintenance of high-use commonly ordered forms list		
Subscriptions	Opens the Subscription Maintenance menu.		
Library	Opens the Account on-line Library Maintenance menu.		
Account Info	Displays Account information, DA Form 12 and shows list of Account Clerks		
Sub-Accounts	Lists current Sub Accounts and allows maintenance of sub account Clerks		
Excess Items	Allows you to advertise your excess items to other accounts or view excess belonging to others.		
Help	Displays this page.		

Table 5

3.6.1 Today's Transactions

Lists all Re-Supply transactions that have NOT yet been processed for shipment. Highlight and click on the item you wish to change or delete



Figure 11

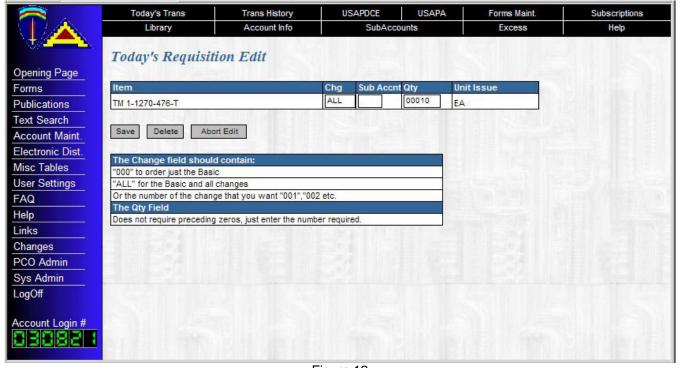


Figure 12

From the Requisition Edit page you can change or delete your order. Any changes must be accomplished prior to the request being processed. Daily processing normally occurs each morning for the previous days transactions.

3.6.2 Transaction History

The Re-Supply Transaction History is the history of all previously processed orders. It is provides the option to update the orders to reflect whether an item has been received or cancelled. You can also use this option to calculate forms usage. Based on the quantities of previous orders you can adjust future orders in order to keep sufficient stock levels.

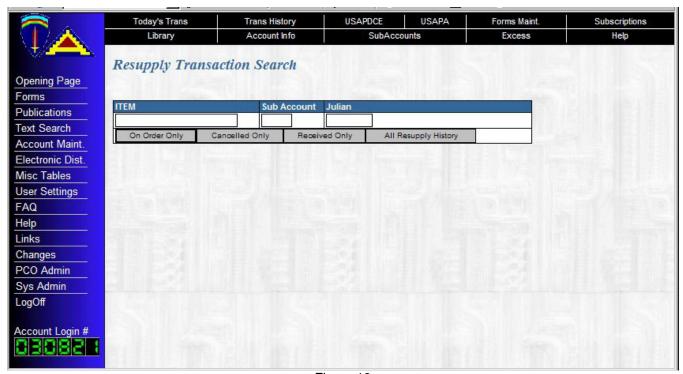


Figure 13

The first three Re-Supply Search page options limit the returned records by their status. All options may be used in conjunction with the Item, Sub-Account and Julian date fields to further limit the returned records.

Transaction History (cont.)

As in all other searches there are three possible results -

- 1. No records found
- 2. One record found in which case the Trans History Edit page (Figure 15) will be returned
- 3. More than one record was found and list of matching records will be displayed (Figure 14). When the list is displayed click on the record desired to open the Trans History Edit page.

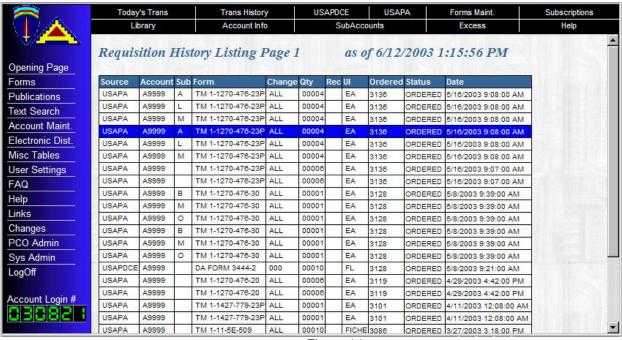


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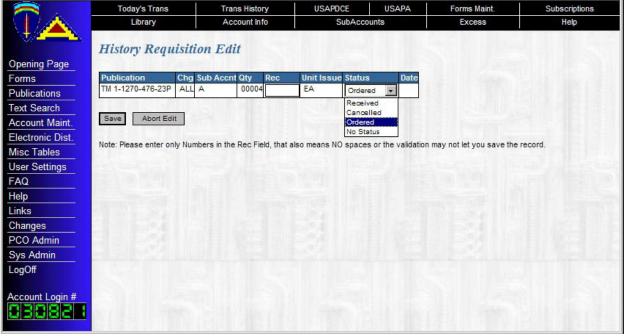


Figure 15

The history edit page provides the option to update the orders to reflect whether an item has been received or cancelled.

3.6.3 USAPDCE Re-Supply Status History

The USAPDCE Re-Supply Status will show all orders that were processed by USAPDCE and their status.

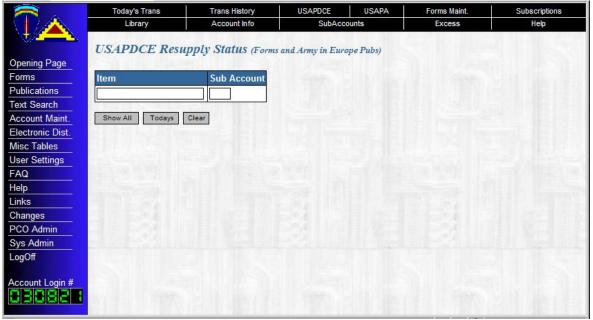


Figure 16

The Requisition history listing (Figure 17) is ordered by the date the transaction was processed, beginning with the most recent orders.



Figure 17

3.6.4 USAPA Order Status

The USAPA Order Status option will pass your account number to the USAPA website in the states returning all orders that were processed by them in the last 180 days. You can limit the returned transactions by a specific sub-account.



Figure 18

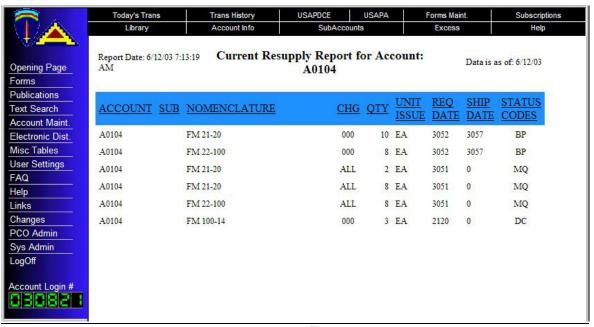


Figure 19

3.6.5 Forms Maintenance

The Forms Maintenance option allows you to maintain a list of high use forms and re-order all at the same time. This saves the publication clerk from having to look them all up individually. New forms are added to this list from the Form Display page. Also the first time a form is added to the list it is automatically tagged for submission as an order. **NOTE:** Using this option will NOT get your forms sent automatically each month, an item must be selected for it to be processed.

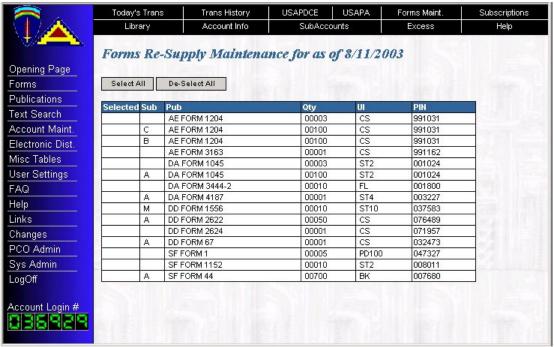


Figure 20



Figure 21

Using the edit page forms can be deleted; order quantities changed and forms can be selected or de-selected for submission.

3.6.6 Subscription Maintenance

Subscriptions are records that describe which publications and how many will be automatically sent to an account whenever a new basic or change to a publication is printed.

Important Facts About Subscriptions:

Subscriptions are NOT done by publication (even though it may appear so). Subscriptions are done by the IDN number that is the publication Form (2 digits) and Block (4 digits) numbers combined to form a 6-digit number. The reason for this is that some collections of publications are considered part of a group, and if you have a requirement for any one in the group you should actually subscribed to all in the group. By using the IDN you only have to subscribe to one publication in the group. Also if a new related publication is published with the same IDN as one you are already subscribed to the publication will be sent to your account automatically.

Example: If you subscribe to a particular publication let's say TM 1-1500-204-23-1, which has a Form and block number of 31 and 3302. The IDN for this publication would be 313302 and if you look up the other publications that have the same IDN you'll find that TM 1-1500-204-23-1 through TM 1-1500-204-23-10 all have the same IDN. So if you subscribe to any one of these publications you have actually subscribed to all of them and for the same quantities.

Also only one record will be recorded in AEPUBS per IDN, which means that if you subscribe to TM 1-1500-204-23-1 and then you look up TM 1-1500-204-23-5 and click on the subscribe button from the Publication Display page the Subscription Edit page for TM 1-1500-204-23-1 will be displayed. This is by design and nothing is wrong. Just keep in mind that subscriptions are done by the IDN not the publication number.

To view an "Expanded" list of all subscriptions including those with the same IDN's run the detailed report.

AEPUBS supports distribution of quantities to sub-accounts, this support is local to AEPUBS. USAPA records only maintain the Account number, IDN and the total quantity.

The Subscription search page (figure 22) works just like most of the other search pages, it limits the returned records by the information entered or by leaving it blank and clicking on the search button it will return all records.



Figure 22

Subscription Maintenance (cont.)

Subscription records can only be added from the Publications Display page (figure 8). Previously added records can be accessed from either the Publications Display page or from Subscription Maintenance. As stated earlier the subscription records in AEPUBS support sub-account subscription quantities. The field labeled "Main" is intended for use by the main account holder. The sum the "Main" and all sub-accounts equals the total amount the account is on subscription for. The Delete\Undelete option will mark or un-mark the record for deletion during the next daily cycle. The List Sub-Accounts option will list who your current sub-account are.

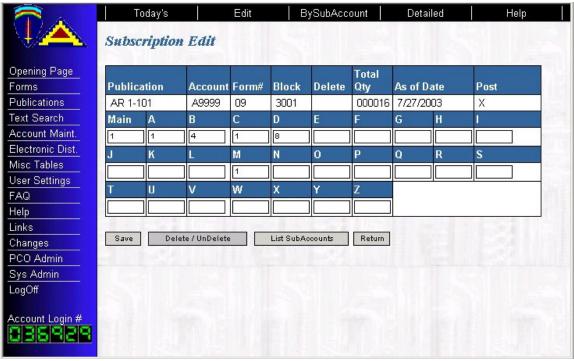


Figure 23

Subscription Reports

There are two report options, one is by sub-account and the other is a detailed listing that shows all sub-accounts, the total and the first three hundred characters of the publication title. The file type of each report can be selected, the returned formats are HTML or Microsoft Excel.

Once you select a report to run and its options, a new window will open showing the report progress. When it's completed a Download button will appear.

When saving the report to your PC the "Save as" dialog will open, save the report somewhere on your PC that you'll remember. Recommend that you create a directory to save all your reports and publication related files to.

3.6.7 Library

The Library provides a means to maintain currency of your publications and forms inventory. The Library is a listing of all your publications and forms. Items are added to the Library from either the Forms or Publications Display Page. It was originally populated using your subscription records, but it is your responsibility to add any new items to it.

The Library provides the following functions/options:

- 1. The items in the Library are checked monthly by the system to insure that key elements have not changed. The elements compared are Item Date, Init of Issue or if marked obsolete/rescinded.
- 2. Provides the ability edit the item showing when the last physical inventory was completed.
- 3. Tracks where an item is physically stored.
- 4. Query options that enable you to focus on only those items that have changed from the previous month.

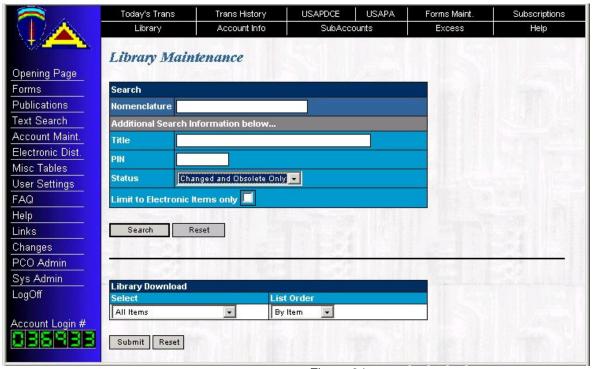


Figure 24

From the Library Maintenance Page you can either search for item records or run the Library Download. The Library download is a report that can be filtered similar to the search option.

Library Maintenance (cont.)

The Library Edit page (figure 25) shows the current status of the selected item. If the status is other than "Current" the Changed field will show what was changed and the old values.

Also from this page you can update the location of the item and the last physical inventory date.

Records that are marked as "Obsolete" are NOT automatically deleted from the system. This action is your responsibility once you have reviewed the changes and taken any appropriate actions such as removing the physical publication/form from the shelf or ordering its replacement (if there was one).

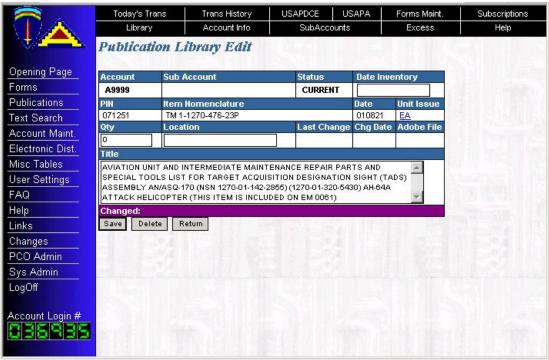


Figure 25

3.6.8 Account Information

The Account Information page provides a view of the current information that we have on your account. It also shows the users that have access to your account.

The List Docs button will provide a list DA Form 12-Rs that have been scanned and saved as JPEGs.

The DA Form 12-R button will open a new page that will allow you to download a DA Form 12-R that is pre-filled with your account information.

A new DA Form 12-R should be submitted whenever one of the following occurs:

- 1. Unit address change
- 2. Account closure
- 3. Security level change
- 4. Primary Publications Clerk changes

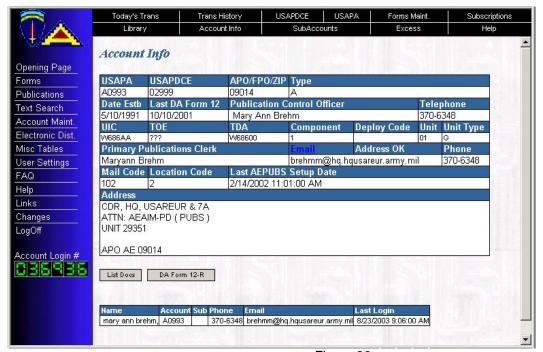


Figure 26

3.6.9 Sub-Accounts

Sub-Accounts are used to help organize large accounts that support many sections or offices. The use of Sub-Accounts is optional not all accounts need to use Sub-Accounts. For those that do, it enables you to track who an item was ordered for or who to distribute publications to when receiving publications as a result of subscriptions.

The Sub-Account Listing Page will show any previously established Sub-Accounts and allow you to add new ones. To edit a Sub-Account select an existing Sub-Account by highlighting it with the mouse and click on it.



Figure 27

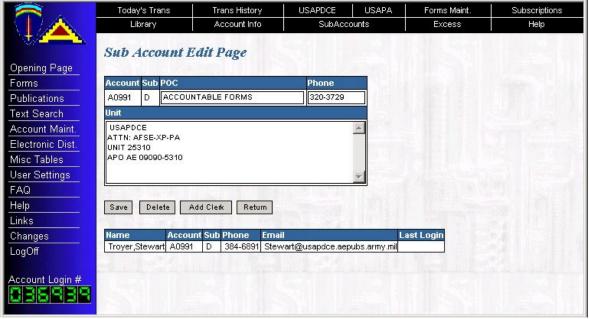


Figure 28

Sub-Accounts (cont.)

Once a Sub-Account has been added to your Account you have the option to add a clerk to it.

A unique Control Number will be assigned to the new clerk (do not share the primary clerks control number).

NOTE: Even though the Sub-Account and Sub-Account Clerk have an address field this is for internal use only. All shipments will be sent to the accounts primary address.



Figure 29

Sub-Accounts (cont.)

The capabilities of a Sub-Account Clerk are limited, when ordering or subscribing the clerk will be locked into their respective Sub-Account.

On the publication Display Page the Sub-Account field is pre-filled with the currently logged in Sub-Account letter and grayed out so that it can't be changed.

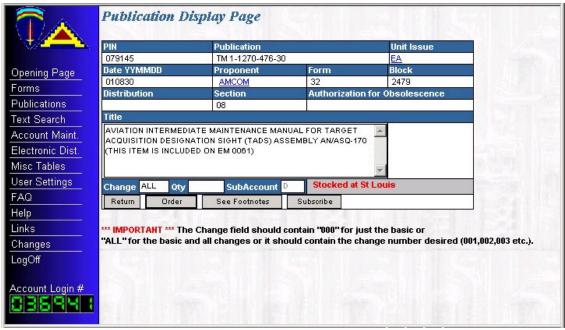


Figure 30

When a Sub-Account subscribes to an item a limited subscription page is displayed which only allows quantities to be logged against the current Sub-Account.

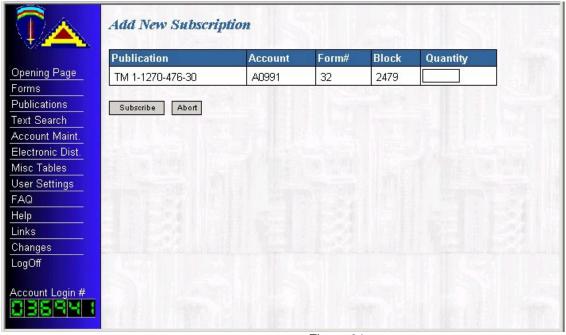


Figure 31

3.6.10 Excess Items

The Excess Items area allows you advertise any items that you have too many of.

You can post Publications or Forms. When posting an item do NOT use abbreviations or just the number of an item. They should be posted using the same nomenclature that is listed in the Forms or Publications indexes. Also ensure all the contact information is correct.

Additionally prior to placing a normal form or publication order you should check the Excess Items list to see if someone here in Europe already has what you're looking for. If they do, getting the item from a local source instead of waiting for an item to be shipped from the states can cut your delivery time down considerably.

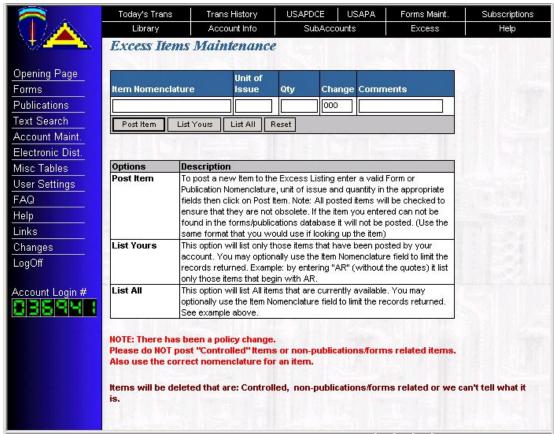


Figure 32

3.7 Electronic Distribution

This option lists all Publications that have been previously sent to selected accounts and PSN subscribers. All publications are in Adobe Acrobat portable document format. To download a publication using MS IE, click with the RIGHT MOUSE BUTTON on the publication of the file you wish to retrieve and select "Save Target as...." from the pop-up menu.

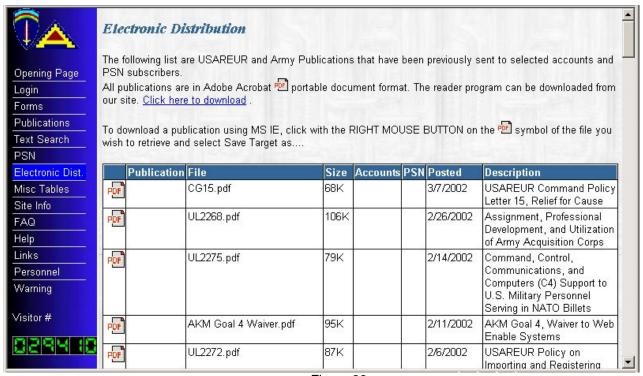


Figure 33

3.8 Misc. Tables

The Miscellaneous Tables page lists and provides access to various system support tables. Most are self explanatory, special note however should be taken to the first option "Cross Reference From NSN to Pub" (Figure 35).

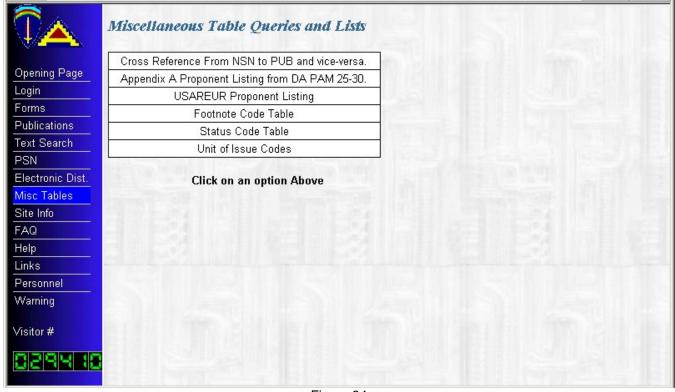


Figure 34



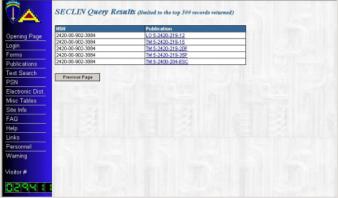


Figure 35

The Cross Reference option will list applicable publications for a given NSN. It's not guaranteed to find all publications for all items, but it should give you a good start for most major end items. There are over 50,000 entries in this table. Note: The publications in the results list are hyper-links to the publication display page.

3.9 User Settings

The User Settings allows you to update your email address, phone number and optionally save your control number in a "cookie" on your PC so that you don't have to enter your control number every time you log into the system.

3.10 FAQ

The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) option displays the FAQ search page. You may search for a word, phrase or a collection of words. Or leave the key word field blank to see all questions and answers.

3.11 Help

The On-line Help page is a summary of this document that is hyper linked to from various pages throughout the site. It also contains a link to a downloadable version of this document.

3.12 Links

The Links page contains links to various other publication sites.

3.13 Changes

This page is a list of the most significant changes made to the system.

3.14 LogOff

To properly exit the system you should click on the LogOff Menu selection, this will terminate your current session. In the event that you do not log off the system or you are inactive for 20 minutes the system will automatically terminate your session.

4 System Info

The web software is IIS 5.0 running on an NT 2000 Server. The system database used is MS SQL 7.0; the web pages are Active Server Pages using VBScript ADO and ODBC on the Server side and Jscript on the Client side.

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